

Leaders & Ministers' **GET** **TOGETHER**

Notes from Monday, May 22, 2017

Here's Where We Are Right Now!

- I. **Welcome, Opening Prayer & [Parish Mission Statement](#)**
- II. **Status of the 5-Year Prophetic Plan** - Mr. Ernie Froemel, chair of the Implementation Team, shared the following:
 - a. Highlights of the Key Accomplishments from our Prophetic Planning process. We came together as a parish six years ago, to name our parish mission, values, vision, goals and objectives. The resulting 5-year plan resulted in some wonderful accomplishments. Click to see the [detailed report](#) or a 2-page [summary of that report](#) on the parish website.
 - b). Ernie also shared that our Prophetic Planning supports *Renew My Church* (see II below) and the revised Parish Commission structure (see III below). We will continue to move forward out of our parish mission statement, vision, and goals. We will adjust as necessary moving forward.
- III. **Renew My Church** – Kate shared information on this initiative by Cardinal Cupich as his legacy for the Archdiocese of Chicago. In response to the changing needs of our various communities, and the reality of declining number of priests, the Archdiocese is being re-organized.
 - a) Goals are twofold:
 - i. To Foster Mission Vitality:
 1. Bring people to Christ
 2. Support each other in knowing Christ
 3. Encounter Christ through prayer & Worship
 4. Build bonds where we can sustain each other
 5. Transform others through service, as we become disciples on a mission
 6. Respond to the call to holiness – journey together with Christ
 7. Take responsibility – administer/lead parish as good stewards of gifts Christ entrusts to us
 - ii. To Inspire Discipleship

“We do many things as church leaders:

- Build Buildings
- Design Programs
- Staff churches
- Put on Events
- Rally people – and create new initiatives....”

The question is being asked: “But are we making disciples?” *Renew My Church* will help us develop skills for helping others become stronger disciples of Jesus.

b) What it means for SFX:

- i. We continue working out of our parish Mission, Vision & Goals.
- ii. We continue inviting others into the many experiences of “church” we have to offer – prayer/liturgy, service, education/faith formation, parish life.
- iii. We look for ways to bring renewed vitality to all we do.
- iv. We explore options for working more collaboratively with St. John of the Cross and St. Cletus Parishes.
- v. We sit tight, until the pilot projects already in place around the Archdiocese have begun to yield successes.

c). In terms of where we are – this is a 5-phase project, and we are on Phase Zero! The Archdiocese will give us next steps, but we will be ahead if we each consider how our ministries can work more collaboratively and share resources with St. John of the Cross and St. Cletus Parishes.

IV. **Revised Commission Model** – Mr. Curt Aronson, chair of our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC), shared that what we attempted in 2013-2014 was not as successful as we hoped it would be. The PPC has been researching options, and will begin a revised structure in the Fall. See the [“Revised Commissions Structure”](#) for details.

V. **EnlightIN** Ms. Cathy Krepps and Mrs. Sarah Arra, members of the EnlightIN Team, shared information about the Team’s efforts to improve communication and strengthen support among parish ministries and organizations to the larger parish.

a) EnlightIN has been working to:

- i. Keep the parish website current, and add videos to promote the various ministries and organizations. See www.sfxlg.org. We looked at the videos prepared by the [Eucharistic Ministers](#) and [Music Ministry](#). See also the [Ushers video](#). The EnlightIN Team can help you create videos to post on the website, or simply have a good conversation with you about a step by step process to achieve your goals. Contact Dave Sherman at d2rsherman@aol.com .
- ii. Keep the [Parish Facebook Page](#) current. Ministries and organizations are all encouraged to have their own Facebook Page, which can be linked to the Parish Page, and key events can be shared. Sarah gave a brief look at how Facebook works, and how it can be used as a powerful

communications tool. Even if you do not have a Facebook page, please keep Sarah informed of what should be added to the Parish page. She is happy to help post your events on the parish page, and answer Facebook questions. Sarah can be reached at: sarahearra@gmail.com .

iii. [SFX on Yelp](#) is also current.

b) What you can do for EnlightIN – Team members needed: Please give some thought to who you know who might be able to help in the following roles:

- i. Communication skills: writers & editors
- ii. Social media savvy – help with Facebook, website suggestions, Twitter
- iii. Photographers, videographers, video editing
- iv. Taking video with Cell phones

V. **Time was given for questions and conversation.** We are in a time of transition, and need to give ourselves time to honor Fr. John, and welcome Fr. Bill Tkachuk as our new Pastor. After a summer slow-down, we will gracefully move forward.

VI. **Closing thoughts and prayer**